

23 June 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Intelligence Support for OIT, Commerce

1. Representatives from O/RR, O/CI, O/SI, O/SO, O/O, and O/CD met on 4 June to discuss a memorandum of conversation between Mr. Ostroff of OIT and Mr. Houston, the CIA General Counsel, dated 22 May 1951. The substance of the memorandum of conversation referred to was the suggestion of Mr. Ostroff that there be a fuller exploitation of CIA resources to support further the business of the Enforcement Division of OIT, Commerce.

2. The understandings reached at the meeting are as follows: In order to provide better intelligence support for OIT, Commerce, in respect of the movement of goods from the United States, directly or indirectly, into the Soviet Orbit:

a. O/RR will develop all-source research as seems profitable with respect to trends or cases in the movement of goods from the United States into the Soviet Orbit (giving particular attention to follow-up requirements to O/O and O/SO).

b. The results of this research, after clearance by O/CI, will be transmitted through O/SO to cleared personnel only in the Enforcement Division, OIT, when the case is in the enforcement field. When no special security aspects are involved, it will be transmitted directly by O/RR to cleared personnel only in Commerce when its research deals with matters within the jurisdiction of the Commerce committees on which O/RR represents CIA.

c. O/SI will collaborate with O/RR where its research touches this field and the latter will handle the transmission of such information as indicated in paragraph b. above.

d. O/RR will work out with O/O/C necessary arrangements for the transmittal of particular reports and any special handling necessary in any research report.

e. O/RR will work out with O/CI to the latter's satisfaction arrangements necessary to the security of the O/CI special information.

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2. These understandings have been agreed to by the offices concerned. It is understood that O/SO will take up the matter with Enforcement Branch of OIT to the extent appropriate in view of the conversation with Mr. Ostroff and with Mr. Houston.

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